

JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION
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Subject: Applicants for 12th Judicial District Judgeship

Two Montana lawyers are seeking the vacant seat on the 12th Judicial District Judgeship created by the resignation of Judge David G. Rice. Judge Rice is resigning effective November 30, 2010. The two lawyers are the following:

1. Daniel Boucher - Havre
2. Brian Lilletvedt - Havre

The application of each lawyer can be reviewed on the Judicial Nomination Commission website, http://courts.mt.gov/supreme/boards/jud_nomination/default.mcp.

The Judicial Nomination Commission will screen the applicants and submit the nominees to Governor Schweitzer. The Governor will appoint one applicant to the Court. After appointment by the Governor, the new judge will serve for the remainder of Judge Rice's term, which expires December 31, 2012.

Public comment is an extremely important part of the appointment process. The Judicial Nomination Commission welcomes public comment, either in writing or via telephone. Written comments become part of an applicant's file, and will be forwarded to Governor Schweitzer as part of the nomination process. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2010. Please contact JNC Secretary, Andy Suenram at asuenram@swmtlaw.com, (406)683-2391, P.O. Box 1366, Dillon, MT 59725, or any of the individual commissioners. Judicial Nomination Commission members are District Judge Richard Simonton of Glendive; Shirley Ball of Nashua; Mona Charles of Kalispell; Monica Paoli of Missoula; Martha Sheehy of Billings; Andy Suenram of Dillon; and Paul Tuss of Havre.

